2011-2017 BMW 5 Series - Cabin Air Filter

2011-2017 BMW 5 Series | Easy | 15-25 minutes | $20 DIY

TOOLS
Flashlight Gloves Vacuum or rag for debris

PARTS
Cabin air filters (pair) $20.00

STEPS

1. **Prep and open access - Park the 5 Series, brake set. The F10 does NOT use a** behind-glovebox filter - it uses two microfilters under the hood, one per side of the cowl at the windshield base. Open the hood and find the two cover panels.
2. **Open the filter covers - On each side, pull the wire latch at the front of the cover** forward, then lift the cover open. Keep both covers and latches together - one per side. Brush leaves from around the housing openings first.
3. **Remove the old filters and clean - Lift the dirty microfilter out of each housing, noting** the orientation so the replacements go in the same way. Clear leaves and debris from the empty housings so nothing falls into the HVAC intake - F10 cowls collect leaves that rot agai...
4. **Install the new filters - Install a new microfilter in each housing, matching the old** orientation so the airflow arrows point correctly. Charcoal-activated microfilters are the factory-style choice and add odor reduction - plain paper fits the same housings. Seat...
5. **Reassemble and verify airflow - Close both covers, re-hook their latches, and close the** hood. Start the 5 Series on fresh air through several fan speeds: strong, clean airflow, no whistling. Note: the F10's recirculation filters under the dash are a separate, more involv...

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